

Parish Church of St Peter : Arkley

ARKLEY CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS



MAY 2021

COMING OUT OF LOCKDOWN

Prince Philip : May Day Carols : Admiral Byng



www.stpetersarkley.com

Instagram

[@stpetersarkley](https://www.instagram.com/stpetersarkley)



arkleyccnews@gmail.com



Parish Church of **ST PETER : ARKLEY**



Chipping Barnet Team Ministry
*St John the Baptist, Chipping Barnet; St Peter, Arkley;
St Stephen, Bells Hill; & St Mark, Barnet Vale*

113 Barnet Road EN5 3JF ~ Instagram @stpetersarkley ~ www.stpetersarkley.com

ST PETER'S CHURCH CONTACTS

Team Vicar at Arkley

Revd Nick WHEELER LVO (*Working days on Sun, Tues, Wed*)
020 8441 9316 ~ *teamvicar.arkley@gmail.com*

Churchwardens

Mrs Maureen STEVENS
020 8449 5874

Mrs Sharon BUTLER
stpetersarkleycw@gmail.com

Treasurer

Mr Najam JAVED
najamjaved17@gmail.com

Secretary

Mr Nick DEAN
01707 262422

Organist

Mrs Gillian DEL BRAVO
020 8440 8650

Safeguarding Officers Mrs Maureen STEVENS (*as above*)

Mrs Iris AUBURN 020 8449 0980

OTHER TEAM MINISTRY CONTACTS

Team Rector (*from 4 May*) (*St Mark's & St Stephen's*)

Revd Tristan CHAPMAN 020 8440 7490 ~ *fr.tristan@googlemail.com*

Team Vicar (*St John the Baptist*)

Vacant

Reader Mrs Linda SANDERS 01707 653963

Lay Leader of Worship Mr Laurie LITTLE 020 8441 1193

Parish Safeguarding Representative Mrs Judy BURSTOW 020 8440 3773

Parish Office: Mr Tony LONG (*Administrator*) 020 8447 0350

Church House, Wood Street, Barnet EN5 4BW ~ parishoffice@barnetparishchurch.org.uk

ARKLEY CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

Online in colour @ stpetersarkley.com/arkley-magazine

arkleyccnews@gmail.com

Copy date for June (Patronal) issue: Saturday 15 May

Editorial Committee

Mr Nick DEAN (*Editor*) ~ The Vicar ~ Mrs Maureen STEVENS

ARKLEY CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

MAY 2021

WELCOME BACK (AGAIN)



We're pleased to be back in print for the first time since November. During the lockdown we continued to publish online and in glorious technicolor. Those issues are still available to read at stpetersarkley.com/arkley-magazine. We hope very much that, from now on, we can maintain printing and distribution as usual, but, if public health considerations do intervene again, you will still find us online.

At St Peter's, despite some changes to the usual pattern in Holy Week, we have been offering a full schedule of services since 21 March. You will find that, with the restoration of our *What's On in Arkley section* (pages 27-31), the list of services for May is on the inside back page, as it used to be. Please let us know of any events, including 'virtual' ones, that you would like us to publicise. We are happy to offer free listings in our *Diary Dates* section (page 30) or you can take out a paid advert if you want to give your event greater prominence (arkleyccnews@gmail.com).

A number of readers have sent us photographs or other material for inclusion over the past year. Please such contributions coming!

Nick Dean
Editor **A**

ST PETER'S CHURCH HALL

There is a kitchen and parking for about 20 vehicles

All enquiries to Iris Auburn 020 8449 0980

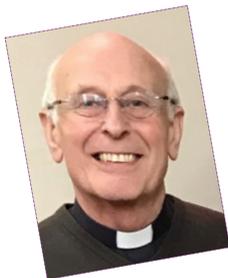
COVER: St Peter's on Low Sunday, 11 April
following the passing of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

IN THIS ISSUE: 4-5 Parish Newsletter 6-7 HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh 8 Words in Season 9 With Cheerful Voice: Rushden May Day Carol 10-11 The Byngs of Wrotham Park 13 Six Degrees of Separation: PC 49 15 Just Think: Cricket & Covid 16 Churchwardens' Chat 18 Word of the Month: hugger-mugger 22 The New Normal 23 Quiz 24-25 The Late Spring Garden 26 The Arkley Sky 27-31 *What's On in Arkley* (31 St Peter's Services)

PARISH NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021

REVD NICK WHEELER
TEAM VICAR



We are opening up! As I write this letter in mid-April, we have just come out of lockdown and non-essential shops are open, we can eat and drink in pubs, provided it is outside, with social distancing and masks worn as appropriate, we can go the gym and so on. Hopefully more freedom is on its way in May and June, provided Covid infections and hospitalisations are kept to a minimum (whatever that is).

May is a busy month for the church. Locally, the Revd Tristan Chapman (*below*), formerly Team Vicar at St Peter's, Arkley, will be installed as the new **Team Rector** of the Chipping Barnet Team on Tuesday 4 May.

On Wednesday 12 May, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Chipping Barnet Team takes place. Then, on Thursday 13 May, we celebrate **Ascension Day**, recalling the day Jesus ascended to heaven, the culmination of His earthly life, but not His life for this world. This is followed by **Pentecost** on Sunday 23 May, when God sent the Holy Spirit to His disciples and to us today to empower and enable them and us to carry out their and our mission. This work continues as much today as when the Holy Spirit was first sent to Jesus's disciples. Finally, on Sunday 30 May, the church celebrates **Trinity Sunday**, the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of One Being, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the uniqueness of the Christian church. All three are important Christian festivals to remember and embrace.



Our new Team Rector, Fr Tristan Chapman, at St Peter's in 2016. Tristan was Vicar of Arkley from 2010-16.

Here in St Peter's, we hope to have our new electric **heating** installed during May. This project began in 2017 and finally, in 2021, the new heating will hopefully be there, for which we are grateful above all to God, but all of you who have supported it through prayer and your generous giving. We are also grateful to three charities, the Hobson Charity, the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust and the Allchurches Trust for their generous financial support, without which there would be no new electric heating in St Peter's this year.

For those who live in Arkley, and to all visitors, a warm welcome awaits you at St Peter's, with the warmth of its members soon to be matched with the physical warmth of the new electric heating. The Christian church is not exclusive to its members and those who believe, but anyone who is interested to find out more about the Christian faith. Please come and join us. St Peter's is your church if you live in the parish of Arkley and depends on your support. The church is both the building, but, more importantly, a community of faith, of ordinary people who believe in and worship the Christian God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At all times, including these difficult Covid times, the endeavour of all Christians should be to follow and live out the two commandments given by Jesus in answer to one of the teachers of the law in St Mark's Gospel in the New Testament, chapter 12 verses 28 to 31:

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Peace be with you through the grace, mercy and love of God.

Nick A



Maureen Stevens (centre) is standing down as a Churchwarden after 10 years' distinguished service. She is shown here with Fr Nick Wheeler and Theresa Villiers MP at an open afternoon in March 2018 to launch our campaign for new heating in the church. As Fr Nick explains opposite, we expect to have a new heating system in place very soon.

THE NEW NORMAL

(see page 22)

"Remember blogs? Those weird things where people (like me) published their random thoughts and pictures? ... In their place, a new (old) type of lo-fi solo publishing has popped up: the newsletter."

PANDORA SYKES

Sunday Times Style, 11 April 2021

HRH PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

(10 June 1921-9 April 2021)

Press Association



“It is with great sadness that I received the news this morning that His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh has died. Please join me in prayer for His Royal Highness and for Her Majesty The Queen and other members of the Royal Family in their grief, and in thanksgiving for His Royal Highness’s long and fruitful life of service. His Royal Highness led life as a Naval Officer, as Consort to Her Majesty The Queen and as a father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

In service of the monarchy, he accompanied and supported Her Majesty The Queen both in this country and around the world, including many visits to the Diocese of St Albans. We are grateful to have welcomed him here. Throughout his life, His Royal Highness was deeply involved with a large number of charities and is particularly well known for The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award, which has influenced the lives of many young people. He was also an accomplished amateur artist, polo player, yachtsman and, later in life, he excelled at carriage driving. He was a unique individual in our national life and a memorable character. His Christian faith sustained him throughout his life, and we pray for him in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

+ALAN ST ALBANS

Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith, Lord Bishop of St Albans, 9 April 2021

“Not everyone is aware that His Royal Highness has a keen interest in theological questions. Bishops who are invited to stay and preach at Sandringham face a barrage of serious theological questions over lunch ... In my case, the sermon was based on Jesus turning water into wine at Cana of Galilee [*St John 2:1-11*]. The Duke suggested many possible explanations for the miracle, including a Uri Geller-type explanation, and he produced a spoon which Uri Geller had bent for him. To my rescue came that still small voice of calm from Her Majesty the Queen, saying, ‘Philip and his theories ...’”

Most Revd JOHN SENTANU

speaking as Archbishop of York in the House of Lords, 2011

“At the Queen’s side or trailing the customary two steps behind, Prince Philip showed the world what it meant to be a supportive husband to a powerful woman. Yet he also found a way to lead without demanding the spotlight—serving in combat in World War II, commanding a frigate in the Royal Navy, and tirelessly touring the world to champion British industry and excellence. Through his extraordinary example, he proved that true partnership has room for both ambition and selflessness—all in service of something greater.”

BARACK OBAMA (*US President 2009-17*)

Facebook, 9 April 2020

“I include pidgin-English even though I am referred to in that splendid language as ‘Fella belong Mrs Queen’.”

Speech to English-Speaking Union conference, Ottawa, 29 October 1958

“The last time I played in a village cricket match I was given out LBW [*leg before wicket*] first ball. That is the sort of umpiring that should be looked into.”

quoted in Karen Dolby (2017) *The Wicked Wit of Prince Philip*

“The Edinburghs made a somewhat late appearance ... and they looked divine. [Princess Elizabeth] wore a very high tiara and [the Order of] the Garter—he was in the dark blue Windsor uniform, also with the Garter. They looked [like] characters out of a fairy tale.”

Sir HENRY CHANNON, Diary, 18 June 1949
Chips: The Diaries of Sir Henry Channon (1967)

“I missed the train—but I had warned them. I was giving the Prince Philip Lecture at the Royal Society of Arts: I’d said if I didn’t turn up, Jo [actress Joanna Lumley] would read it on my behalf. As, heart pounding, I stumbled up the steps in the nick of time, HRH said: ‘This is very disappointing. We’d all hoped that Joanna was going to read it for you, then those who didn’t want to listen would at least have something decent to look at ...’ The girls [either side of him at dinner] say he’s the best: flattering, intelligent, flirtatious, attentive. But he did his stuff too—led a discussion on how we could carry forward some of the ideas in the lecture.”

GYLES BRANDRETH, Diary, 12 March 1998
Something Sensational to Read in the Train (2009)

“Prince Philip didn’t stand on ceremony. When I was introduced as the Chancellor of the Exchequer to a bemused President of Indonesia, the Duke cut in: ‘He’s the money man—except we haven’t got any money.’ We’ll miss him more than we know.”

GEORGE OSBORNE
(Chancellor of the Exchequer 2010-16)
 Twitter, 9 April 2020



Left:
**St John the Baptist,
 Chipping Barnet,
 11 April 2021**

Say a Little Prayer

God of our lives, we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip, for his love of our country, and for his devotion to duty. We entrust him now to your love and mercy, through our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen

WORDS IN SEASON



Hail the day that sees him rise,
Alleluia.

To his throne above the skies,
Christ, the Lamb, for sinners given,
Enters now the highest heaven.

CHARLES WESLEY (1707-88)



I caused three Protestant 'ducks'
With three consecutive balls!
Poets may rave of lily girls
Dancing in marble halls!
What do I care for a bevy of yachts
Or a dozen or so of yawls?
I bowled three curates once
With three consecutive balls!

NORMAN GALE (1862-1942)



And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting ... And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts of the Apostles 2:1, 2 & 4

And who shall guard the crown
Of the Queen o' May?
Two men of Windsor born and bred
Who wear her badges of white and red,
The flowers of Merrie England.

BASIL HOOD (1864-1917)
from *Merrie England* (1902)
(music: Sir Edward German)

Unite and unite and let us all
unite

For summer is a-come unto day.
And whither we are going, we will all
unite
In the merry morning of May.

With a merry ring and now the joyful
spring,
O give us a cup of ale and the merrier
we will sing.

The young men of Padstow, they
might if they would,
They might have built a ship and
gilded it all in gold.

The young women of Padstow, they
might if they would,
They might have built a garland of
the white rose and the red.

Where are those young men that now
here should dance?
For some they are in England and
some they are in France.

from *Cornish (Padstow) May Carol*
Roud Folk Song Index, 301



Ruth Page

~ WITH CHEERFUL VOICE 7 ~

Since Palm Sunday, 28 March, a small choir has sung hymns during our services at St Peter's. It may be a while before Covid restrictions ease sufficiently for the rest of us to join in. In the meantime, we continue here with our series of seasonal hymns.

RUSHDEN MAY DAY CAROL (THE HEDGES AND THE TREES)

(collected 1905)

When they originated as secular rounds and dances around the 12th century, there were *caroles* (a word from Old French) not just for Christmas, but for all seasons (see AC&CN 12/17-1/18). **St Francis of Assisi** (d 1226) was among the first to harness their potential. Like many folk songs, some carols were known only in a particular locality and passed down orally. These included many sung on May Day, which, until the mid 18th century, was a major festival marking the start of the summer (under the pre-1752 calendar, effectively 11 days later than now).

The ritual aspects of May Day were mostly pagan or secular in origin, but, as with many such traditions, including those for the winter solstice later appropriated by Christmas, they sometimes had “Christian bits grafted on” (Shirley Collins, 1967). Typically this was the case with May carols, including a single verse from **Rushden** in Northamptonshire, collected in 1905 by **Joseph Enos Smith** (1851-1930), organist at the local parish church. Its botanical and religious lyrics call to mind the well-known Christmas carol, *The Holly and the Ivy*. 70 years ago, in July 1951, a *Pageant of Rushden* was the town's contribution to that year's Festival of Britain. The programme for the pageant recalled May Days of yesteryear:

According to the late Mr J Enos Smith, who was organist at St Mary's and made local history a hobby, the old-time May Day could be rowdy, especially when village youths raided the back yards and carried off loose properties such as mops and buckets, to lodge them on the coping of the Round House ...

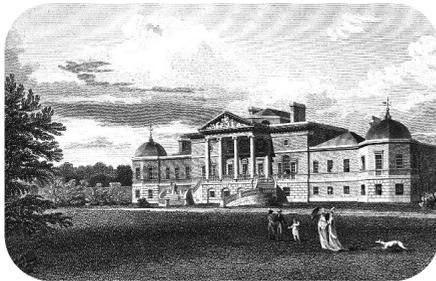
On the Green ... the women and children saluted the day more graciously. There would be dancing and singing, the May Queen's procession would appear, and the May Day song associated with Northamptonshire would certainly be heard.

No single May carol is sung widely these days. However, among folk singers and choirs, the better known include those from Cambridgeshire (“Arise, arise, you pretty fair maids,/And take your May bush in”: AC&CN 5/17) and Cornwall (*opposite*), and the 17th century *Hymnus Eucharisticus*, which is sung on May morning from the tower of Magdalen College, Oxford (AC&CN 5/18).

**The hedges and the trees are all very green,
As green as any leeks;
Our heavenly Father waters them
With the dew of Heaven so sweet.**

THE BYNGS OF WROTHAM PARK

Wrotham Park (1754) (*below*) is a mansion designed by **Isaac Ware** (1704-66) for **Admiral John Byng** (1704-57). Surrounded by a 2,500 acre estate, it lies roughly halfway between Barnet and Potters Bar. Ware designed Wrotham (pronounced 'Rootham') in the **Palladian** style, which took its



name from a Venetian architect, Andrea Palladio (1508-80), who had been inspired by Greek and Roman temples. Wrotham was largely destroyed by fire in 1883, but rebuilt exactly as before.

Byng (*bottom left*) never had the chance to occupy Wrotham. Early in the Seven Years War (1756-63), he was shot by firing squad after a court martial convicted

him of failing "to do his utmost" to prevent the island of Minorca falling to the French. His fleet had been assembled hastily and many of the ships were in disrepair and poorly equipped. After an inconclusive battle, Byng sailed to Gibraltar to seek repairs and take on fresh provisions, but he was relieved of his command and ordered home. After the court martial, King George II refused all pleas for clemency, including from the court itself (which had no discretion regarding the sentence) and Prime Minister William Pitt the Elder. Historians have generally sided with Byng. J H Plumb (1956) remarked that, in the 18th century, "fame was accorded to the rashest of heroes", whereas Byng was condemned "for allowing caution and wisdom to prevail". Winston Churchill, Britain's Prime Minister in the Second World War, himself something of an adventurer, was even blunter:

The Government shifted the blame on Admiral Byng, whose ill-equipped fleet had failed to relieve the Minorca garrison ... one of the most scandalous evasions of responsibility that an English Government has ever perpetrated ... (*A History of the English-Speaking Peoples*, vol 3, 1957)

Byng's execution prompted the French philosopher **Voltaire** (1694-1778) famously to jest that it was intended "*pour encourager les autres*" ("to encourage the rest": *Candide*, 1759). Almost 70 years ago this quip was the



basis of a ghost story, *To Encourage the Rest*, by **Dr Frederick Brittain** (1893-1969), a Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, who was educated at Queen Elizabeth's in Barnet and later became Churchwarden of St Giles, South Mymms (*Tales of South Mymms & Elsewhere*, 1952). Set on Christmas Eve 1753, this tale opened with a conversation in Barnet High Street between Byng and the Revd William Parker, Vicar of South Mymms, whose parish then stretched as far south as Barnet. Byng dismissed Parker's claims that ghosts "have power to foretell the future" and that they

were “particularly in evidence on such occasions as Christmas Eve”. He did not share either the Vicar’s “extreme horror for Voltaire”, a prejudice that emerged when Byng produced a book by the philosopher that he had just purchased in London. Riding home to **Knightsland**, a 16th century farmhouse that survives north of Barnet, Byng paused briefly to observe “the unfinished walls of his new mansion of Wrotham rising above the leafless elms”. Once home, he experienced an apparition of a man whom he soon recognised, from a portrait in his new book, to have been Voltaire. Byng noticed also a handwritten inscription on the fly-leaf: “To encourage the rest”. He then dozed and dreamt of a maritime conflict that was followed by the shooting of an admiral. Waking with a start, Byng was glad to discover that he had been dreaming, but then he noticed Voltaire’s book open on his knees. He ran his finger across the fly-leaf, whose inscription, with four newly inked characters, now read “JB, to encourage the rest, 4-”:

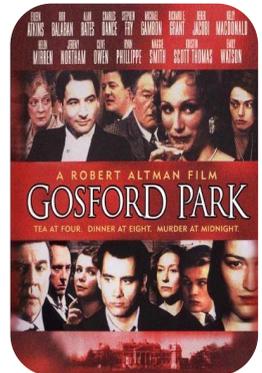
What could it all mean? Was some misfortune to befall him in less than four years? ... When he looked at the fly-leaf again the whole inscription had vanished; and yet ... his finger-tip ... was stained with ink and the ink was wet.

Byng was unmarried. He left Wrotham to a nephew, **George Byng** (1703-89), son of his late brother Robert, who had been Governor of the Bahamas. George’s second son and heir was **Field Marshal John Byng, 1st Earl of Strafford** and 1st Viscount Enfield (1772-1860), who was a General at the Battle of Waterloo (1815) and, before entering politics as an MP disposed to electoral reform, Commander-in-Chief in Ireland. **Julian Byng, 1st Viscount Byng of Vimy** (1862-1935), born at Wrotham, the youngest son of the 2nd Earl, commanded allied forces at the Battle of Vimy Ridge (1917) in the First World War and was later Governor-General of Canada.

Wrotham remains in the Byng family. In the past half century it has been seen frequently in ‘**period**’ dramas on film and TV. While on set there 40 years ago, Dutch-born actress **Sylvia Kristel** (1952-2012) was interviewed for the *Sunday Express Magazine*:

“It is strange” she said, sounding like a character by Noel Coward, “how the climate changes in Barnet.” She stressed the second syllable and made Barnet seem much more exotic than Potters Bar, the actual place of the filming.

Wrotham was the setting for *Gosford Park* (2001) and provided the interior of Buckingham Palace in the film of *Downton Abbey* (2019). On TV, it was the location of Chufnell Hall in two episodes of *Jeeves and Wooster* (1991), based on the stories of P G Wodehouse, and of Norland Park, the Dashwood family home, in a mini-series (2008) of Jane Austen’s first novel, *Sense and Sensibility* (1811). At least three adaptations of D H Lawrence’s novel *Lady Chatterley’s Lover* (1928) have been filmed there. Meanwhile, in unexotic Potters Bar, J H Wetherspoon’s pub, the Admiral Byng, is opposite the junction of Byng Drive and Darkes Lane. **A**



PLUMBING AND CENTRAL HEATING

**For your local
Plumbing and
Central Heating
Engineer**

**Call
(020) 8449 0950
or (07973) 206559
to speak to me
directly for help
or advice**

LIQUIDAMBAR ARBORICULTURAL ENGINEERS THE URBAN TREE SPECIALISTS

Supporting the Advancement & Recognition of the Arboricultural Science

Professional Member of the Arboricultural
Association

**Tree Surgery to BS3998
& Arboricultural consultancy**

Crown reduction
Total removal (felling)
Pollarding

Formative pruning
Stump Grinding
Tree planting
Hedge laying
Surveys & Reports

Phone: 01582 401138

Mobile: 0781 3761672

Website: www.liquidambar.co.uk



HCPC Registered Podiatrist

Diane Fletcher

BSc (Hons) Podiatry, MChS

FlexiFootCare

Mobile Podiatry / Chiropody Services

Offering a professional foot care service at affordable
prices in the comfort of your own home

- Nail care, corns, callus, verrucae, athletes foot
- Ingrown toenails - advice and conservative treatment
 - Diabetic foot assessments
 - Foot pain

Call: 0790 3293533

Email: flexifootcare@hotmail.com

*Discounts for 3 or more in one location & competitive rates for
care homes & day centres*



St Peter's, Easter Day 2021



SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION

49: PC 49

Police Constable ARCHIBALD BERKELEY-WILLOUGHBY (PC 49) was a Metropolitan Police officer in 112 episodes of a light-hearted radio drama series (1947-53) on the former BBC Light Programme. There were also two *PC 49* feature films (1949-51) and a regular strip in the *Eagle* comic. PC 49 was played on radio by ...

VERNON HARRIS (1905-99),

who gained an Oscar nomination for his screenplay of Lionel Bart's musical *Oliver!* (1968). His earlier radio work included scripts for the comedy series *Band Waggon* (1938-40) and producing *PC 49*, about the adventures of ...

BRIAN REECE (1913-62),

who was twice a castaway on radio's *Desert Island Discs* and appeared in the comedy *Carry On Admiral* (1957), the first film with the 'Carry On' label, though not part of the long-running series that began in 1958. The only *Carry On* regular to have appeared in *Admiral* was ...

JOHN LE MESURIER (1912-83),

an actor best known as Sergeant Arthur Wilson in *Dad's Army* (1968-77), the TV sitcom about the Home Guard in the Second World War. He appeared in many British films in the 1950s and 60s, including *The Admirable Crichton* (1957), adapted from J M Barrie's stage comedy of 1902 by ...

Joan SIMS (1930-2001),

whose early career in stage farces led to a number of parts in well-known British films, including as a student in *Carry On Nurse* (1959) and 23 later *Carry On* productions. Famously, the matron in *Carry on Nurse* was ...

HATTIE JACQUES (1922-80),

who appeared in 14 *Carry On* films. She became popular on radio in the wartime comedy series *It's That Man Again*, with Tommy Handley, and later with Tony Hancock in *Hancock's Half Hour*. A recurring partnership on TV with Eric Sykes led many to believe that they were siblings. Jacques' first husband was ...

Church Notices 22

On board the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, when it docked at the Pier Head in Liverpool in 1977, Prince Philip [1921-9 April 2021] was standing with the Queen next to the Bishop of Liverpool, David Sheppard. When the brass band began playing *The Lord is my shepherd*, Prince Philip whispered, "Bishop, they're playing your tune"¹ ... [Poet] Samuel Taylor Coleridge [1772-1834] produced a volume of [lay sermons]. One day he boasted to his friend [essayist] Charles Lamb [1775-1834], "You've heard me preach, haven't you, Charles?" "Why, I never heard you do anything else!"² ... John Bunyan [1628-88] knew ... the seductiveness of clerical self-esteem. One morning, a parishioner praised him: "Fine sermon, Pastor John!" Bunyan said, "Aye, Satan told me that before I got down from the pulpit"³ ... Richard Ingrams [wrote] a biography of the writer and campaigner [Sir] Ludovic Kennedy [1919-2009]. At the launch he spoke about when Kennedy stood for the Liberals in a by-election in Rochdale. He knocked on the door of an [elderly] woman and proceeded to pontificate grandly about his plans to abolish schedule tax. After 15 minutes, he paused for breath, only to be deflated by her response of: "You're the new vicar, aren't you?"⁴ ... It is good to find that Ecclesiastical Insurance is on brand. Having, as a churchwarden, to report some minor damage over Easter, I was blessed to discover they have a claims handler called Christina Meek. Truly she will inherit the earth or at least our church's case file⁵ ... Once, I said that St Mark's Gospel was the first to be written. Afterwards, Prince Philip asked how I or anybody else knew that ... May he rest in peace, after St Peter has been interrogated. I did tell him that St Mark had an eyewitness account from St Peter which informed his Gospel. Well, now he will know⁶

(1) Karen Dolby (2017) *The Wicked Wit of Prince Philip*; (2)-(3) Revd Dr Peter Mullen, *The Oldie*, April 2021; (4)-(5) *Times Diary*, 6 March 2017 & 10 April 2021 ("Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth": *Matthew 5:5*); (6) Rt Revd Graham James, former Bishop of Norwich, *Church Times*, 16 April 2021

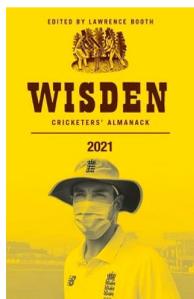
PS: Last month we included a story about the provision of teeth for gnashing, attributed in *The Oldie* to the Revd Ian Paisley (1926-2014). According to a correspondent in the latest issue of *The Oldie*, this was in fact a convincing piece of satire delivered by comedian Dave Allen (1936-2005)!

ARKLEY IN VIEW

**Barnet Road & the
Bell Inn (now the
Gate) in the early
20th century**

(Barnet Museum Archive)





JUST THINK ... This time last year, with the swift impact of Covid-19, we doubted if there would be a cricket season at all (see *AC&CN* 5/20). In the event there was men's professional cricket from July until October, the latest that the game had been played at that level in England since 1864. Just published, the 158th edition of *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack* (left) jokes that "it looked as if 'Cricket match takes place' might become a candidate for our index of unusual occurrences". It then draws attention to the all too visible fact that the almanack (whose masked cover star, England bowler Stuart Broad, took his 500th test match wicket in July, against the West Indies) is 20% slimmer than usual: 1,248 pages, compared to 1,536 in 2020. As such, it looks a bit like the *Wisdens* of the Second World War, whose production had to conform to 'war economy' standards.

This year, more than ever, *Wisden* has material that is distinctively of its time, as well as reflections on previous events that have affected play and players, such as the two World Wars and the Spanish 'flu pandemic of 1918-20. When first-class cricket was halted after the outbreak of war in August 1914, the County Championship was awarded to Surrey with two matches still to play. At the time, *Wisden* remarked wryly of runners-up Middlesex that "the declaration of War quite upset the county's plans". The new edition recalls that last year, while biosecure test cricket, without spectators, was eventually on course to resume, the amateur game was held back as Prime Minister Boris Johnson, on 23 June, described the cricket ball as "a natural vector of the disease". Ten days later he appeared to shift his ground by suggesting during a radio phone-in that the problem was not so much the ball, but things like changing rooms and teas. Indeed, on 5 July, the producer of BBC radio's *Test Match Special* tweeted that the commentary team would be unable to accept cakes from the public. However, by then, Mr Johnson had already invoked "the third umpire" ("Having been stumped on the radio this morning ... I sought scientific advice") and village and other recreational cricket was duly permitted from 11 July. One temporary casualty of the pandemic last year was the new 100-ball competition, 'The Hundred', which had, in any case, been the subject of controversy. *Playfair Cricket Annual* remarked in 2019 that it "appeared little more than a version of the game invented by a marketing 'genius' who didn't much like or understand the game". *Playfair* was unsure why people who were unattracted to an existing 120-ball format (the T20) would be any keener on one with 100 balls. The Hundred is now due to start in July, with eight teams playing 68 matches. *The Times*, as if pitching for an entry in our 'New Normal' column (page 22), made merry on 10 April about "the language of cricket being rewritten" for the new competition: "No longer will a team be described as being 93 runs for 3 wickets from 10 overs. Instead it will be ... from 60 balls for 3 outs". "Out" was said to have been borrowed from baseball, although, of course, while it has not hitherto been used instead of "wicket", it is scarcely new to cricket.

The Duke of Edinburgh was a keen cricketer and patron of charitable bodies such as the Lords Taverners. His obituary in next year's *Wisden* is likely to be a warm one. Were we of a gambling disposition, we'd be willing to bet that it will include his forthright observation about umpiring in village cricket: see page 6. **A**



Churchwardens' Chat: May 2021

Hello. Here we are again with our report for the magazine to go out in print form and online.

The **Holy Week** services were not quite in our usual format, but, on **Easter Sunday**, the Church looked beautiful with flowers arranged by Iris Auburn and Pauline White. On 11 April we held our **Annual District Church Meeting** after the morning service in church, with safe distancing and wearing face masks. 13 people attended. Mrs Sharon Butler was duly elected to be Churchwarden for this year. Mrs Maureen Stevens (*above*) will shortly be standing down after 10 years of extraordinary service, doing so much more than the Churchwarden remit alone. We hope that in the next few weeks someone may come forward to fill this position. Contact the Vicar or Sharon (see *page 2*) for more information.

Despite all the disruption of the past year, we are again able to hold services with what now seems the norm: wearing face masks, sanitising hands and safe distancing. We even have a small choir only singing the hymns. It works well and gives more atmosphere to the service.

I, Maureen, feel very humbled and honoured to have been invited to be a recipient of the Royal Maundy Money (see 'The Collect' 38, AC&CN 4/20) which was to have been distributed by the Queen at Westminster Abbey, but, due to Covid, was posted to me by special delivery. It is nevertheless a very prestigious gift. I feel for Her Majesty at this very sad time and hope her family will care for her and help her in her grief.

Maureen & Sharon A



Live streaming by our Team Ministry: The Venerable Janet Mackenzie, Archdeacon of Hertford, at St John the Baptist on Palm Sunday, 28 March



My Private Mexico

by
Cathy Matos

TEL—02035926917 e-mail cathy@mexitours.co.uk

I only work with exquisite hotels that reflect the true beauty of Mexico. For example, Las Velas, Kin sol Soleil and the beautiful 16th century Hacienda de Cortes.

Visit the archaeological treasures of Oaxaca, so much to see and do!
Let me plan your perfect itinerary throughout Mexico.

Visit our website www.myprivatemexico.com

OUR WORD(S) OF THE MONTH

47: hugger-mugger

“I am compiling a lexicon of old, hitherto rarely used words ... that have suddenly acquired a new definition since the advent of Covid ... Hugger-mugger (noun), a police constable whose sole task for the day is to persecute people flouting social distancing regulations” - ROD LIDDLE, Sunday Times, 7 March 2021

In the past year this column has been dominated by words relating to the coronavirus pandemic. Some, such as *furlough* (*‘Our Word’* 37, 5/20) and *vaccine* (OW 42, 9/20) go back a few centuries, but circumstances have given them a new context or importance. In the *Sunday Times*, Ron Liddle (writing a week before action by police during the gathering on Clapham Common in memory of Sarah Everard) appeared to suggest, with a certain edge, that a *hugger-mugger* is an officer of the law who intervenes to enforce lockdown rules. Although it sounds plausible, we have been unable to corroborate this usage. It may be that Liddle was having his readers on. But either way, we were prompted to explore further ...

When it originated around the 16th century, ‘in hugger-mugger’ meant ‘secretly’. In his ground-breaking dictionary of 1755, Dr Samuel Johnson listed it as a single 12-letter word without a hyphen and defined it as ‘secrecy’ or ‘bye-place’ (somewhere out of the way). He was uncertain of the derivation, although others have suggested as possible sources the Middle English *huke*, cloak (as in “cloak and dagger”) and *murke*, to horde. In its original form, it was probably *hucker-mucker*. A journalist who had researched the word remarked recently that although “the origins are shrouded in mystery ... perhaps that is somewhat appropriate given its meaning” (Haggard Hawks, November 2019). In one of his earlier poems, Edmund Spenser imagined a fox reasoning with an ape: *“Let us our fathers heritage divide,/And challenge to ourselves our portions dew [due]/Of all the patrimonie, which a few/Now hold in hugger mugger [no hyphen] in their hand”* (*Mother Hubbard’s Tale*, 1578-9).

More recently ‘hugger-mugger’ had come additionally to mean ‘confusion’, although in neither sense do we hear the word very often today. It is “criminally underused”, according to Hawks. Eric Partridge noted that it was Standard English until about 1830, when it came to be regarded as a colloquialism (*Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English*, 1937). There was a good example of the alternative meaning in *The Happiest Days of Our Lives* (1949), a film of enduring appeal to lexicographers, which depicted the chaos caused by a boys’ boarding school having to share its premises with a girls’ school. The girls’ headmistress (Margaret Rutherford) told a group of visiting parents, unaware that their daughters’ co-residents were boys, *“Well, we are bedding down very nicely, considering. A certain amount of hugger-mugger, of course”*.

In recent years ‘hugger-mugger’ has acquired a more sinister use in urban slang: an apparently benign person who preys on vulnerable people for malign, often criminal, purposes. **A**

J.A. CLARK & SON

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

- 129 years of dedicated family service -

*Upholding the traditions of professionalism set by our
founder during the reign of Queen Victoria*

Comfortably appointed offices
Elegantly furnished and spacious private Chapel of Rest
Vintage and modern vehicles
Pre paid funeral planning
24 hour dedicated service

SUSAN DENNY

Managing Director, Florist & Caterer

TERRY DENNY

Funeral Director

LOUISE PHIPPS

Funeral Arranger

103 WOOD STREET BARNET EN5 4BX

020 8449 3578

www.jaclarkandson.co.uk
enquiries@jaclarkandson.co.uk

CONSTANTIA *HomeCare*

Providing the highest quality of live in care for our clients to ensure peace of mind, whilst protecting self-esteem, dignity and promoting independence.

Allowing you to live the life you choose.



**Flexible & affordable Home Care options
from only £739.00 per week**

Tel: 0207 624 9866

constantiahomecare.co.uk



Applause 4 Paws

Professional Dog Service: Established 2009
Fully licensed and insured for doggy day care and home boarding.

At Applause 4 Paws, we offer day care for your dog, anytime you don't want your dog to be left alone. Let your dog enjoy long walks and socialise with other friendly, playful dogs from the local area.

We also offer one to one dog training, from puppies to older more stubborn dogs, with amazing results.

Call David on 07775 661 300 for more details
and visit the website for the full story.
www.applause4paws.co.uk



Chas. A. Nethercott & Son Ltd. **Funeral and Memorial Service**

Fourth Generation Independent Family
Funeral Directors Since 1911

As well as arranging funerals, we also offer:

- **Pre-Paid Funeral Plans**
- **A Range of Memorials**
- **Grief Support through our partners, SAIF Care**

Golden Charter 
Smart Planning for Later Life



150 Darkes Lane	20 Aldenham Road
Potters Bar	Radlett
EN6 1AF	WD7 8AX
01707 652288	01923 852899



www.nethercott-funerals.co.uk

email: office@nethercott-funerals.co.uk

BATTLE OF BARNET (2)



Wreaths of red roses for the House of Lancaster and white for York were laid on Hadley Highstone on 14 April, the 550th anniversary of the Battle of Barnet (see AC&CN 4/21). (Photos: N Dean)



THE NEW NORMAL

“It’s fun and easy to make your own latte. And homemade coffee isn’t £3 a pop. Who knew?”

Country Life, 17 March 2021

“Black coffee plus washing glasses has been my morning routine for a year now ... I am looking forward to going out to bars and drinking less.”

ANNA MURPHY

The Times ‘Notebook’, 26 March 2021

“Why have I only just now discovered salt and vinegar Quavers?”

NIGELLA LAWSON

Twitter, 19 March 2021

“An altogether novel social event ... has appeared in our year, genuinely begging the question, ‘What should I wear to get my jabs?’ ... Judging by my social media, the picture you take of yourself getting the vaccine ... will be one of your most liked photos ever ... It’s going to come up on your Timehop every year for the rest of your life—making the outfit you wear on that day roughly as scrutinised as your wedding outfit.”

CAITLIN MORAN

Times Magazine, 3 April 2021

“Having previously placed higher maintenance associates on what I call ‘friend furlough’, I will gradually reintroduce them into my life, according to how amusing the nature of their habitual dramas is.”

POLLY VERNON

Sunday Times Style, 28 March 2021

“Vaccinated, masked and socially distanced is the new tall, dark and handsome.”

“The park bench is still the new bar-stool.”

HANNAH EVANS

Sunday Times Style, 18 April 2021

“The planes to Spain now mainly to Bahrain”

The Sun, 2 April 2021

The Collect will return next month

Our famous QUIZ

Answers at bottom right

1. The answers to the following all contain a book of the Bible: (a) band whose members included Phil Collins and Peter Gabriel; (b) actress who played Tiffany Case in *Diamonds are Forever* (c) paid work that used to be undertaken by cubs and scouts; (d) elderly cat created by T S Eliot; (e) pre-war baseball player for the New York Yankees who scored over 700 home runs in his career
2. Whose 9th Symphony was entitled *From the New World*?
3. In which decade was the Early May Bank Holiday created?
4. Which soft drink, similar to root beer, takes its name from Spanish words for 'bramble' and 'little vine'?
5. Who immediately preceded Jodie Whittaker as Doctor Who?
6. On which island did the Emperor Napoleon die on 5 May 1821?
7. In which Bostonian bar did everybody know your name?
8. Who wrote the poem *The Whitsun Weddings*, published in 1964?
9. Which is the principal metal added to steel to make it stainless?
10. On Easter Day the University Boat Races were rowed on which river and past which city?
11. Which variety of apple was named after an Australian midwife who nurtured a discarded sapling?
12. Shirley Williams, who died on 12 April, aged 90, was a joint founder of which political party in 1981?
13. 'May' is a common name for which tree?
14. On 10 April who became the first female jockey to win the Grand National?
15. What is a dentist's favourite hymn?

50 YEARS AGO ...

5 May 1971 The warship *Mary Rose*, which sank in the Solent in 1545, was rediscovered **8** Having won the Football League championship, **Arsenal** beat Liverpool 2-1 to win the FA Cup and become the fourth club (after Preston North End, Aston Villa and Tottenham Hotspur: see AC&CN 4/21) to win the 'double'. All the goals were scored in extra time (the winner by Charlie George, *below right with our editor in 2017*) **30** Launch from Cape Kennedy (Cape Canaveral) of *Mariner 9*, which, in November, orbited **Mars**, becoming the first spacecraft to orbit another major planet



MALAC&CNPROP XLVII

"It seems to me you are making rather a mountain out of a moleskin."

Nigel Bruce (as Dr Watson to Sherlock Holmes) in
Dressed to Kill (1946)
shown recently on Talking Pictures TV

ANSWERS: 1. (a) Genesis (b) Jill St John (c) Bob-a-Job (d) Old Deuteronomy (e) 'Babe' Ruth 2. Antoinette Dvorak 3. 1970s (1978) 4. Sarsaparilla 5. Peter Larkin 9. Chromium 10. Great Ouse; Ely 11. Granny Smith 12. Social Democratic Party 13. Hawthorn 14. Rachel Blackmore 15. Crown Him with many crowns!

THE LATE SPRING GARDEN

A year ago, during the first lockdown, we were blessed with the sunniest spring ever recorded in the UK. May 2020 stood out as the sunniest month on record, and it was also the driest May for 124 years, with virtually no measurable rain in Arkley (see AC&CN 7/20). Traditionally, as in the Cornish fishing village of Padstow (page 8), **May Day** was widely greeted as the start of summer: “*Sumer is icumen in/Lhude [loudly] sing cuccu [cuckoo]*”, in the words of a famous 13th century vocal round (below left), which goes on to celebrate growth from seed, the meadow in bloom and the wood coming into leaf. These days, by contrast, despite differences between meteorologists and latter-day traditionalists as to whether summer begins on 1 June or at the solstice on 21 June, gardeners tend to regard May as a month of seasonal transition.

This year, due to the pandemic, the Royal Horticultural Society’s **Chelsea Flower Show** has been put back to 21 September. Since 1913, when the Society moved its ‘Great Spring Show’ along the Thames Embankment from Temple Gardens to the Royal Hospital, home of the Chelsea Pensioners, it has usually been held in the final full week of May precisely because the risk of frost in London has virtually disappeared. In France, weather lore reminds farmers and gardeners that the Feast Days of St Mamertius, St Pancras and St Gervais (11, 12 & 13 May respectively) “do not pass without a frost”, while, in South West England, **Franklin’s Frost** is the name given to a last-ditch one on 19-21 May. There are various accounts of who Franklin might have been. In one, he was a brewer whose ales became less popular than cider; so he made a pact with the



Above: **Reading Abbey, Berkshire, where monks transcribed the oldest surviving copy of ‘Sumer is icumen in’. A plaque describes this as “the most remarkable ancient musical composition in existence”.** (Photo N Dean, 2018)

Devil to send three days’ frost to damage the apple blossom. In another, Franklin is synonymous with **St Dunstan** (c909-88), whose Feast Day is 19 May (although someone who was Abbot of Glastonbury, Archbishop of Canterbury and patron of the monastery on which Westminster Abbey was founded seems unlikely to have sold his soul to the Devil, even, as is recounted, for just three days’ a year). As for the beginning of May, the runes are reassuring. We are told that hoar-frost on 1 May indicates a good harvest (Inwards, 1893). Similarly, “Past Easter frost,/Fruit not lost”.

Hopefully Chelsea will be restored to its usual slot in May 2022, while 2023 is the 350th anniversary of the **Chelsea Physic Garden**, just down the road. The oldest botanical garden in the capital, it pre-dates Kew (1759) by 86 years and has just received a Lottery grant of almost £700,000 to restore its Victorian glasshouses. **A**



© Dolly's dailypics

Pictures at an exhibition

Charlotte Botham (below right), who edits our sister publication, the *Parish of Chipping Barnet Team Magazine*, has taken up floral photography over the past year. Nine of her pictures, displayed under her photographic name 'Dolly', will be part of the *Photography Now* exhibition at the **Brick Lane Gallery** in Shoreditch from 27 April to 10 May. Ten limited edition signed prints of each photograph will be available to purchase. If you are unable to get there, or a little reticent in current circumstances, you can see a selection of Charlotte's other work on her website (thedollygallery.com). This includes the very seasonal picture above of a fern amidst a sea of **bluebells** (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta*). If you are reading the printed version of this magazine, this looks even better in colour in our online edition! Bluebells thrive in woodland areas before the trees are fully in leaf, but don't forget that, in the wild, they are legally protected (see AC&CN 4/17). **A**



*** the ar\$KleY ***



PASCHAL SUPERMOON, March 2021 (N Dean)

SUNRISE/SUNSET ~ 1 MAY: 5.32/8.24 ~ 31ST: 4.50/9.07
FULL (FLOWER) SUPERMOON: WED 26 MAY @ 11.14am

The full moon on 26 May should be the most impressive of four successive “supermoons” in 2021 because it will be the one closest to the earth (at 222,116 miles). The first of the quartet was on Palm Sunday, 28 March, the day that the clocks went forward. Being the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, this was also the Paschal Moon, the one that, as we explained last month, determines the date of Easter (4 April this year). Unfortunately it was cloudy that night, but the following evening (the day, as it happened, that lockdown restrictions started to be lifted in England), the moon shone very clearly in Arkley (*see above*). Although unconnected meteorologically, this was the prelude to a remarkably fine day on 30 March. The temperature in London reached 24.5°C (76°F), the highest recorded in the UK in March for 53 years and the second warmest since records began in the mid-19th century. By Easter Day, it was cooler, but still pleasant in the sun. However, on Easter Monday, flurries of snow reminded us ever so gently that White Easters are no more uncommon than White Christmases; and there were several chilly days and nights to follow.

It is 50 years since the USA’s manned *Apollo* missions to the moon resumed after the aborted near-disaster of *Apollo 13* in 1970. The excursion modules of *Apollo 14* and *15* landed in February and July 1971. In December 1972 *Apollo 17* was the last manned mission to date.

WHAT'S ON in ARKLEY ~ pages 27-31

Please send changes, additions and diary dates to arkleyccnews@gmail.com

Contacts for **St Peter's** and the Chipping Barnet Team Ministry are on page 2

For further details of Team Ministry contacts, see websites and *Parish of Chipping Barnet Team Magazine* (April/May issue online) ~ Editor: **Charlotte Botham** ~ barnetteammag@gmail.com

To receive **direct mailings** from **St Peter's**, send your address to:
arkleyccnews@gmail.com (Your details will not be shared nor used for other purposes)

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

ARKLEY ASSOCIATION ~ VILLAGE HALL ~ TENNIS CLUB

Steve Gray 07795 117980

TENNIS ~ 07795 117980 ~ tennis@arkleyassociation.org.uk

ARKLEY CLUB ~ 020 8449 5726 ~ thearkleyclubbarnet@gmail.com

ARKLEY GOLF CLUB ~ 49 Rowley Green Road EN5 3HL ~ 020 8449 0394

BARNET BOROUGHWATCH ~ 0208 364 8400 ~ 07813 339 368

barnetboroughwatch@gmail.com

BARNET SENIORS' ASSOCIATION ~ 0203 778 0151 ~ www.baseas.org.uk

CHURCHES TOGETHER for CHIPPING BARNET ~ www.ctfcb.org.uk

HOPE CORNER COMMUNITY CENTRE ~ 185 Mays Lane ~ 020 8364 8756

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT [CHIPPING BARNET] ~ Rt Hon Theresa Villiers MP

House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA ~ theresa@theresavilliers.co.uk

METROPOLITAN POLICE: UNDERHILL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Emergencies 999 Other 101 ~ www.met.police.uk/your-area/barnet/underhill

Twitter (*not* for reporting crime) @MPSUnderhill

ST PETER'S CHURCH HALL ~ bookings: Iris Auburn 020 8449 0980

LOCAL RADIO

BARNET COMMUNITY RADIO: online @ www.barnetcommunityradio.com

RADIO VERULAM (ST ALBANS/WEST HERTS): 92.6FM ~ www.radioverulam.com

POTTERS BAR RADIO: online @ www.pbradio.co.uk

DIOCESE OF ST ALBANS ~ stalbans.anglican.org ~ Twitter @diostalbans

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICER Jeremy Hirst

01727 818107/07867 350886 ~ safeguarding@stalbans.anglican.org

ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL: see stalbanscathedral.org for events



Information given by phone or
online cannot be traced.

You will not have to go to court or
give a statement.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

The
ARKLEY

Est.1902

Club

The Arkley Club in Barnet Road, offering a lovely friendly and social atmosphere, is hoping to reopen shortly and we are looking for additional members.

We can offer a well stocked bar along with snooker, two full sized tables, and darts two boards. The venue is also suitable for matches.

We also have social events on a regular basis and are open for hire to the general public for parties, weddings *etc.*

**We are currently looking for a
BAR STEWARD
whose job will be mainly evenings only,
except Wednesday (closed) and Sunday
12.00-16.00pm.**

**For more information or a informal chat
contact Mr John Jennings on 02084408895
or Email johnarman3@gmail.com**

Barnet Road / Barnet / Hertfordshire / EN5 3EY



MEMBERS WANTED or RENEW NOW for 2021/2022

YOUR VILLAGE HALL

Arkley Village Hall is run by The Arkley Association (302914), a charity formed to provide opportunities for education, leisure, sport and social activities in Arkley. The Association is 55 years old and was founded by local groups stretching back 100 years.

THE ASSOCIATION WISHES TO REOPEN THE FACILITIES

As soon as it may safely do so for local clubs and private event hires, run according to government guidelines. The nursery has continued in operation through the Covid-19 lockdown in accordance with government recommendations.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

The recent lock downs have been badly affected the Association's finances and we ask for your support by becoming a member, particularly if you have not joined before and by using the hall's facilities.

Should you be interested in running regular activities at the Village Hall, Steve Gray, the Hall Manager, would be pleased to discuss options with you.

JOIN NOW

The cost is £15 per household at one address. Membership gives a 15% reduction on hall hires. Fill in the form below. For tennis membership contact Steve Gray on 07795 117980 or tennis@arkleyassociation.org.uk

Dogs are welcome on our field, when not in use for events, but must be kept on a lead as young children are in and around our premises.

To: Arkley Association c/o Steve Gray 22 West End Lane, Barnet, EN5 2SA

Name:

Address:

Email Address:

Phone number:

I agree to the Association emailing us with information about the Hall and Association. Full details on how your personal data is handled is available on www.arkleyassociation.org.uk/privacy

Signed:

The Association is run by its members and a management committee is elected each year at the AGM. We encourage everyone in and around Arkley to become a member and to bring your skills and talents to assist us in running a vibrant Association.



DIARY DATES

in & around **ARKLEY**
MAY 2021



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: MON 3 & MON 31 MAY

DAY	TIME	EVENT
Thurs 6	7am-10pm	ELECTIONS FOR MAYOR OF LONDON & GREATER LONDON ASSEMBLY ~ barnet.gov.uk/elections
Fri 7	11am-1pm	CHRIST CHURCH FOOD BANK ~ St Albans Road EN5 4LA (weekly)
Wed 12	8pm	ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING for Chipping Barnet Team Ministry: see barnetparishchurch.org.uk
Mon 17		<i>Earliest date for further easing of Covid restrictions, including indoor hospitality and entertainment</i> see gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021

Sun 11-Sun 12 September: BARNET MEDIEVAL FAIR ~ Barnet Elizabethans RFC

WE DO OUR BEST TO VERIFY ARRANGEMENTS, BUT YOU MAY WISH TO CHECK THESE NEARER THE TIME. ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT PRESENT.

the arKley IS ON PAGE 26 THIS MONTH

We sell advertising space in good faith. The editorial committee can take no responsibility for the quality or availability of goods or services offered, nor are we able to assist in contacting advertisers.

AND THE FORECAST ...

If on the 8th of May it rain,
It foretells a wet harvest, men sain

Rev'd THOMAS FULLER (1608-61)

Who shears his sheep before St Gervatius' day [13 May] loves more his wool than his sheep

Strawberries at Whitsuntide [23 May] indicate good wine

Richard Inwards (1893) *Weather Lore*

See also 'The Late Spring Garden', page 24





ST PETER'S : ARKLEY

MAY 2021



ALL ARRANGEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT PRESENT

DAY	TIME	SERVICE
Sunday 2 <i>Easter 5</i>	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer 1662</i>) Family Service
Wednesday 5	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 9 <i>Easter 6 (Rogation Sunday)</i>	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion (<i>BCP</i>) Parish Eucharist
Wednesday 12	11am	Holy Communion (<i>BCP</i>)
Thursday 13 ASCENSION DAY	See websites for details of Team Ministry services	
Sunday 16 <i>Sunday after Ascension</i>	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion (<i>BCP</i>) Family Eucharist
Wednesday 19	11am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 23 PENTECOST <i>Whit Sunday</i>	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion (<i>BCP</i>) Parish Eucharist
Wednesday 26	11am	Holy Communion (<i>BCP</i>)
Sunday 30 <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	8am 10.30am	Holy Communion (<i>BCP</i>) Matins
Wednesday 2 June	11am	Morning Prayer

ONLINE WORSHIP: CHIPPING BARNET TEAM MINISTRY

@ barnetparishchurch.org.uk or Facebook (*Parish of Chipping Barnet*)

SUNDAY MORNING: Eucharist or Matins (*times vary*)

MONDAY to THURSDAY @ 10am: Morning Prayer via Zoom

These are usually live streams with recordings available on Facebook from 11am

Revised 18 April: see stpetersarkley.com/services for updates

**O most blessed Light divine,
shine within these hearts of thine,
and our inmost being fill**

after **STEPHEN LANGTON** (*Archbishop of Canterbury*) (c1150-1228)

RECENTLY at ST PETER'S



N Dean

N Wheeler

Clockwise from top left: Paschal candle, Easter Day, 4 April
Sue Wheeler marking the first anniversary of the lockdown, 23 March
Easter garden at home by Ruth Page; chocolate eggs and daffodils, Easter Day
ARKLEY CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS : MAY 2021